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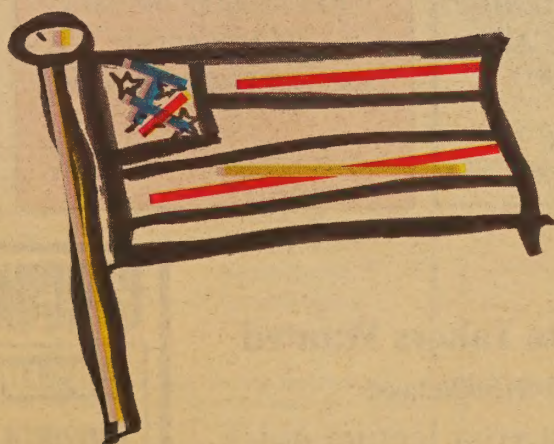
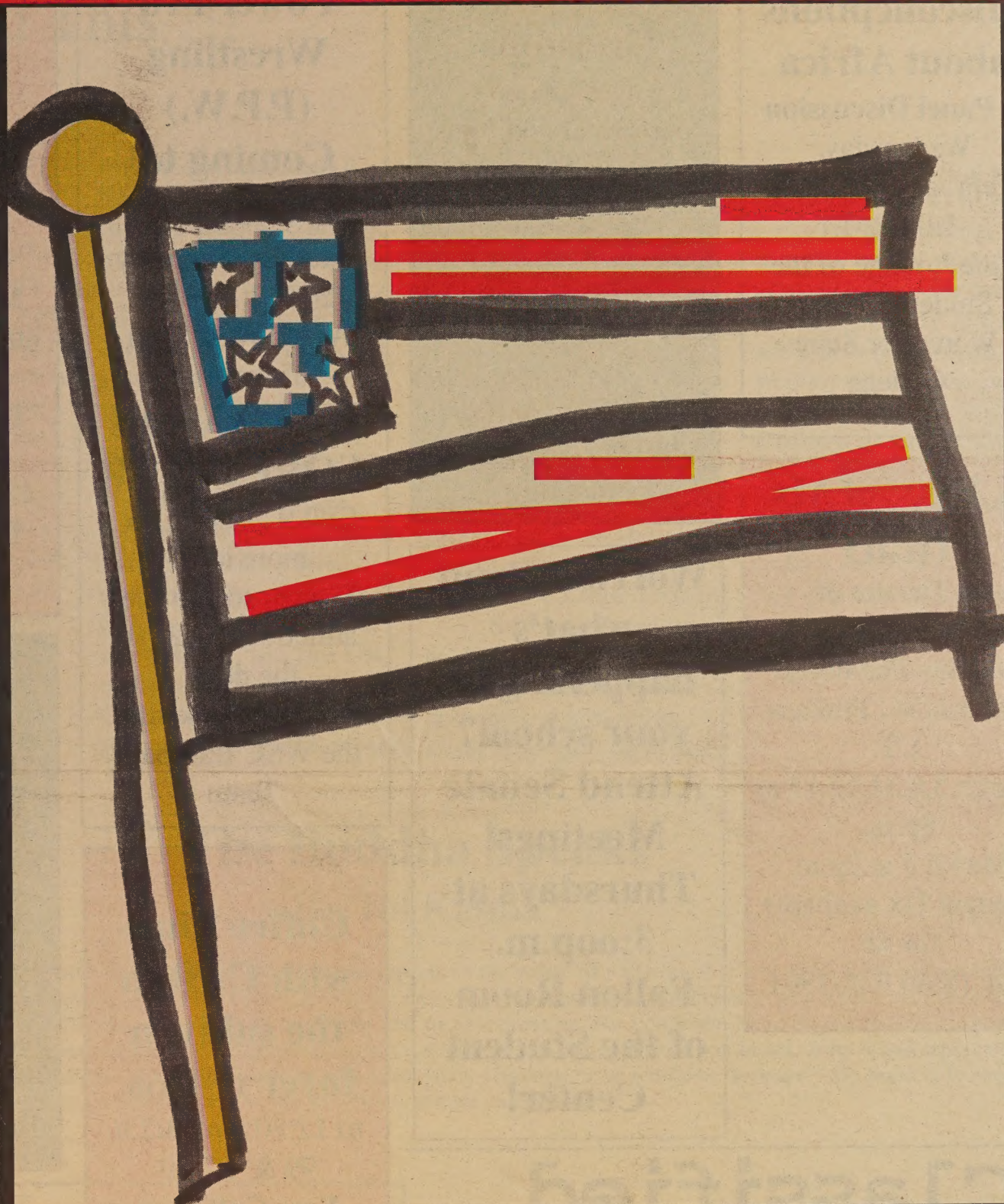
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Editorial

Hey Read This !!!

There is an astonishing phenomenon occurring in our nation today. This strange affliction runs especially rampant on college campuses. And as you jump from your plastic seats in tantalizing anticipation I shall tell you just what anomaly I speak of.

“Politically Correct Syndrome” (*Politicalus corectus*). We all, in our struggle to be known as liberal college students have become hypersensitive. I myself am completely guilty of this offense. If someone in

my presence makes a harmless comment that for one second could be interpreted as prejudiced I will jump to the defense without even taking the time to think about what may have been intended by the comment.

There was a case at University of Rhode Island earlier in the year which I believe illustrates this point better than I could with all of my babble. So, the URI newspaper, “The Good 5 Cent Cigar” ran an editorial cartoon that depicted

an African-American student walking into a college classroom and being offered the mop bucket by the professor. This cartoon, if you think about it for more than two seconds, is obviously a satirical look at the state of multiculturalism in universities today and not a racist attack on the abilities of minorities to succeed in a college setting.

Some folks seemed to disagree. They rallied support for their cause and started a campus wide epidemic of hostility.

The paper lost much of its funding as a result.

In the coming months we all must strive to be more aware of what exactly it is that we are defending or opposing so that we can make Worcester State College a comfortable environment for all students and give everyone a fair chance before deciding that they are doing something offensive.

The Buddha Speaks

By Tol Karma

What good is listening to “health checks” and similar unstable reports on the news? If you hear of a “new disease” on the news that you never knew existed before because it is actually very rare (but the news never takes the time to reassure you that) - are you the kind of person that incorporates the affliction to yourself living in the fear or apprehension that you might have or get this disease someday? Then the rest of your day is spent concentrating on these negative notions all because of what you heard from a bad report on some disease you didn’t even know about. What do most of these updates have anything to do with you anyways? My point is to stay away from pretending to understand stuff you see on T.V. that you really do not understand.

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I'm Sorry . . .

Here I am; servile, on my knees, begging for forgiveness. In my deadline insanity last issue, I somehow deprived you all of a useful blood alcohol chart.. I grovel.. Please use this chart to calculate the damagae of your drunken revelries and accept my humble, humble apology. A special apology to Chris Bourque who took the time to enter in that magnificent chart for you.

Enjoy, Alisha Attella

Blood Alcohol Chart

Body Weight	Number of Drinks in an Hour					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
100lbs	.038	.075	.133	.150	.188	.225
120lbs	.031	.063	.094	.125	.156	.188
140lbs	.027	.054	.080	.107	.134	.161
160lbs	.023	.047	.070	.094	.117	.141
180lbs	.021	.042	.063	.083	.104	.124
200lbs	.019	.038	.056	.075	.094	.113
220lbs	.017	.031	.047	.063	.078	.094
240lbs	.017	.031	.047	.063	.078	.094

News

It's Done, Now What?

By Doug Pratt
Voice Staff

William Jefferson Clinton is neither guilty of obstructing justice nor perjury. These are the findings of the Senate, and on February 12, 1999 many people breathed a sigh of relief that finally this whole event can be put behind us.

I am one of those people who do not want to just march on and forget about the last thirteen months of political unrest. Believe me, I was not glued to CSPAN and don't have my very own copy of Ken Starr's report, but I did try to pay attention to what was going on.

I wonder if anyone saw the events unfolding the same way that I did. The media made sure that sex scandal was publicized to the point of saturation. The politicians made sure that legalese and jargon shaded every thing into confusing babble. Interestingly, a lot of Americans just thought "hey, it's none of our business." I did not expect this reaction; especially when one stops to think about what most of the leading talk show topics are.

I have heard that there is a list of senators, mostly Republicans, that have had extramarital affairs. There was even one state representative who resigned because he felt that he could not, in good faith, carry out his duties because of his actions years before. I

have not really heard anything more about him which is not surprising.

Most representatives and senators stuck to party lines when they voted first for impeachment and then to convict the President. I thought they were trying to work in a bi-partisan way. What exactly is the point of having politicians try each other anyway? Almost every vote was predicted based upon individual party membership. They kept on referring to this event as a trial, but the jurors all knew the defendant. There appears to be a conflict of interest.

Now that all is said and done, I wonder what will happen next. The campaigning has begun for nominations to be in the next presidential elections. Medicare and saving Social Security are big enough issues to take minds off of the past events, Ken Starr is being investigated, and there is still a pain in the butt over in the Middle East to think about.

There are many issues more important than the President's private affairs, but a person in this highly regarded position has to expect extreme scrutiny. What he did was wrong and yes, he has apologized. The judgement has been made, and now, whether we like it or not, we have to move on.

Bill Clinton is Scum and He's Here to Stay

by Whitney Anspach
Democrat

What were the Republican's thinking!

Sorry Doug, no offense to your heroes, but what were they thinking when they tried to remove William Jefferson Clinton from office. Was it the allure of actually taking a positive stance on a moral issue? After years of starving the poor, stealing from the people, illegally selling arms to non-allied countries, etc., it must be nice to be in the right for once.

Maybe they were just salivating over the opportunity to get rid of a liberal, tree hugging, pot smoking, draft dodging President with the popularity of God. It was probably to late to stop the process when the Republican geniuses realized not only were they getting their butts whipped at the polls but they would also be making Mr. Stick Up My Ass (but I have hot daughters) Gore an incumbent.

Gore as an incumbent. Oh what a glorious day that would be. Two more terms with a Democrat President. Huh? Five more minutes, ma! She never lets me dream.

It might not be such a wild dream though. As Doug said the American public was and is tired of the whole mess and who was to blame for it staying in the limelight so long you ask? Well the media but that doesn't count. It was the REPUBLICANS!

Notice how they scramble like greasy eggs in a country kitchen restaurant. None of them want to mention the impeachment trials and if they do they take the moral high ground. For the next two years will be getting smoke blown up our asses about cutting taxes (for the rich) and saving social security (for people with investment brokers) and only whispering the impeachment trial into the Christian Right Republicans ears to remind them how moral they can be. I'm sick of it!

But, not for the same reasons as the majority of the public. I gave up on listening to the baby spooned sound bites and political analysts on

prime time television after the first week. No wonder people were bored of the whole affair (no pun intended). Every evening people tuned in to Kenneth Starr, Trent Lott, and telephoto pictures of Monica Lewinski in dark sun glasses. That would be enough to put cocaine addicts to sleep.

However, unlike the masses I refused to sit idly and let Mike Wallace tell me whether or not the United States Senate removed a President from office for the first time in American history. I wanted to get the news uncensored so I listened to live coverage of the House and Senate debates and trials on National Public Radio. Hearing the case of the House Managers for the first time I was stunned. Was Clinton that much of an idiot?

When Clinton's defense attorneys took the stage a sigh of relief was heard and felt throughout the Democrat side of the chamber. Yes Clinton was and in many respects still is an idiot but he was not nearly as culpable as the House Managers would have you believe. Clinton's lawyers played the tapes of the Paula Jones trial where Clinton was given the vague and seemingly ridiculous definition of sexual relations. The Senators and listeners around the world heard how Clinton's lawyers had pleaded with the judge to change the definition or disregard it entirely and allow the President to merely answer the questions as posed by Paula Jones' lawyers. Only then could I understand why he was such a fool...he listened to his lawyers.

I feel fairly certain Clinton did screw up but I never thought, given the screw ups of Ronald (anyone wanna buy a nuclear warhead?) Reagan and Richard (what tapes?) Nixon before him, he should be removed for lying about sex with an intern. One should keep in mind though with a wife like Hillary wouldn't you have tried to save your skin as long as possible?

WSC Student Poll

Do you think that President Clinton should have been acquitted?

40% Agree

33% Disagree

27% Don't Care

The Presidents Compared Redux (Yet again)

by Stu Louis
Voice Staff

Ghosh

Got off on his no-confidence vote
Is trying to get a building erected
Likes interns who work hard
Liked the "Yellow Dress"
Likes to meet with student leaders
Head looks like a penis
Celebrates 125 years of Worcester State
Worked hard to get clinton at WSC
Uses matches to light his cigar
Tries to impress people with his big office
Shakes his stick at wrong doers

Clinton

Got off on his impeachment
Is trying to get himself erected
Likes interns who help him stay hard
Didn't like the blue dress
Will destroy Republican leaders
Penis looks like a head
Laments 125 days of impeachment
Monica worked hard to get clinton in ther
Uses interns to light his cigar
Tries to impress babes with "Little Willy"
Shakes his stick at anything that moves

For minorities and poor, going to college just got tougher

By Ben Lieberman

Much public attention has been focused on the issue of teacher testing in Massachusetts. But the recent approval by the state Board of Higher Education of a series of sweeping changes that could reduce educational opportunities for working families and students has gone relatively unnoticed.

In October the board changed admissions requirements for the nine state colleges in Massachusetts. Beginning in 2001, it decreed, only students with high school grade point averages of at least 3.0 will be eligible for admissions automatically. Those with lower averages can be admitted to a state college only if they score high enough on the SAT's, with higher SAT's required for students with lower grades.

Under the new requirements, a student with a grade point average of 2.51 to 2.99, for example, will have to achieve a minimum combined SAT score of 920. And a student with a grade point average of 2.00 to 2.10 will need a combined score of 1120.

The board's one-size-fits-all mandate ignores significant regional differences in SAT scores within

Massachusetts. A combined score of 1120 may not be uncommon in some of the more affluent suburbs, but it is an extremely high score for students in many urban schools.

The board is also requiring that "each state college... achieve an average freshman SAT combined score of 1017 by fall of 2000 and at least 1025 by fall 2001." How will the college achieve this aggregate? One way is to attract a greater number of students with higher SAT's even if they have lower grade point averages. Unfortunately, another way is to reject students with high grade point averages but lower SAT scores—even though they meet the board's criteria for admission.

This means that a talented student from a poorer community with high grades and strong recommendations might still face rejection if he or she has SAT scores that would bring down the required institutional average.

The new policy jeopardizes educational opportunities, especially for the state's minority students.

The 1998 mean combined score for the state's college-bound African-American high school senior was 853, well below the institu-

tional aggregate. For Puerto Rican students the combined score was 817. Minorities are not the only victims. Lower-income students will also suffer under the new policies. The mean combined score for college-bound high school seniors with family incomes of \$10,000 to \$20,000, was 902.

In a state with many elite private institutions of higher education that cater to national and even international constituencies, it is the mission of our public colleges to provide a high-quality, affordable college education to the state's lower- and middle-income students. By enacting policies that could force colleges to reject deserving students, the Board of Higher Education has jeopardized this mission.

Ironically, the board may have also breached its own commitment, stated in its list of responsibilities, "to ensure that system-wide and institutional policies, practices and programs not only value but foster diversity in enrollment, retention, student achievement, and institutional work force and climate."

State college students often make

tremendous sacrifices for the sake of a college education. Many of the students at Fitchburg State College have worked full time—some on the night shift—while attending school full time. Affording even a relatively inexpensive college education is often a struggle.

Many also have families, some with small children. One of my students gets up at 4a.m. to do her course work before her young children wake up.

These Massachusetts students deserve access to high-quality public colleges. They deserve dedicated, qualified faculty, and they also deserve a Board of Higher Education that preserves educational opportunity for talented and hard-working students across the state. To better meet its own goals, the Board of Higher Education might begin by observing its own statutory responsibility to "foster decision-making close to the actual learning environment" instead of issuing sweeping mandates.

Ben Lieberman is assistant professor of social science at Fitchburg State College. This article is reprinted courtesy of The Boston Globe.

Fill 'er Up for 5 Bucks

by Whitney Anspach
Voice Pragmatist

Unemployment has plummeted nationwide, personal income is up, on the job training and benefits have never been better, and a good cup of coffee cost \$4 so why are gas prices going down?

Common sense would dictate that with companies rising personnel expenses, prices everywhere would be on the increase to keep profits level, but as they say common sense isn't common. Oil producers rushed to fill the void Iraq had left in the oil market when UN sanctions took effect in the early 90's. With this increased production and the economic woes of such industrial powers as Japan and Russia, oil producers are now left with a surplus of oil with few buyers.

What does this mean to America's consumers? Well similar to Japan's dumping of steel in the US (selling at a loss) oil producers have begun selling their product to oil refiners at a decreased price. Consequently US consumers, refineries, and gas retailers are all making out and in some ways, making out big.

Steve Trimby, WSC Economics Professor, explained the true value of the gas Americans and their Sport Utility Vehicles can not get enough of. "In 1973, during the gas crisis, gas prices jumped from \$.36 per gallon to \$.65 per gallon. With the average

inflation percentage of 3.6% gas prices as of 1997 should be \$2.34 per gallon."

A far cry from the \$.98 per gallon being advertised throughout New England. This discrepancy worries Eco-History buffs like Professor Bruce Cohen, Chair of WSC's History and Political Science Department. "I'm concerned that the prices are artificially low. When you see gas at \$.90 per gallon rather than \$1.10 per gallon. When warmer weather comes, if prices go up, we might see situations like in '73."

There is no debate that mother nature has definitely kept the gas demand down in New England this winter. The National Weather Service calculated that Boston's heating days this season is 21% lower than the same period in 1997. However, climate and surpluses aside some analysts suggest that political unrest may also effect gas prices in the future. Were Iraq's sanctions be removed the onslaught of more oil production may actually force gas prices lower.

Professor Trimby, ever the optimist, said "The only long term negative I can see is if people keep leaning toward those big SUV's with low gas mileage. If the gas prices did ever jump up we could be looking at something like in the 70's."

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News On Campus

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FISHING FOR TROUBLE

By Michael Plante
MASSPIRG Intern

Have you ever dropped and broken a thermometer and freaked out because you thought you may have touched the mercury that escaped from the thermometer? Have you ever opened a can of tuna and realized that you are eating a small dose of that very same mercury? Now that you seem concerned I'd like to let you know that recently 40 states have issued one or more health advisories because of the amount of mercury in fish. Ten of those states have issued advisories for every lake and river within its borders.

Recently U.S.PIRG and the Mercury Policy Project issued a report on their state to state findings on the amount of mercury found in our waterways. Among other tests the group also investigated the amount of monitoring and warning each state is providing. They found that twelve states conduct none or very little monitoring for contaminated fish. The states with the strongest advisory systems include Maine, New York, Ohio, Montana, etc. Massachusetts was not mentioned on the list.

Massachusetts has one of the highest "no consumption" policies. What this means is that if fish are found to have above 1.0 levels of mercury there is a strict "no consumption" placed on these fish. So now that you are feeling good about our cutting edge state of Massachusetts, let me also tell you that

we are at the bottom of the list for public notification. When fish are found to be contaminated the state posts warnings within fishing regulations and posts signs near fish-

ing hot spots. Now if you don't fish or do not routinely take walks by hot fishing spots you are pretty much screwed.

Some of the more severe effects of con-

suming mercury even at low doses are central nervous system damage, kidney damage, endocrine disruption, developmental effects in children, and learning deficits. Just think all this is possible simply from eating too much contaminated tasty seafood. Among the highest of the population at risk are pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children under twelve. Since there doesn't seem to be too many pregnant women wandering the woods these days, or children who would completely understand what the fish warning even was, you must be thinking that there is a separate warning for this targeted group. Well there is, but not here in Massachusetts. The state simply does not offer notification to the sensitive population.

Right now you are probably saying that you have never even heard of this stuff before so it must not be a big problem. Well since 1970 mercury levels have risen 1.5 percent due to industrial activities. Mercury levels in fish have increased five percent per year since 1970. So if you like tuna remember that the average can contains levels of mercury that are called unsafe by the U.S.EPA. If you are a big fan of fresh seafood, say swordfish, let me leave you with this. Greg Kramer, from the FDA Office of Seafood, was quoted as saying, "Sampling individual swordfish would take half off of the market".

SAVE AMERICA'S ARCTIC

By Michael Plante
MASSPIRG Intern

On Tuesday afternoon Worcester State College students met in the exhibit area of the Student Center to kick off the Arctic Action Week. Mahi Dias, the one man Arctic army, informed the students of what exactly is going on in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Four major oil companies are trying to claim the oil that lies beneath the refuge as their own. The companies are Chevron, British Petroleum, ARCO, and Exxon.

The companies are trying to drill for only four months worth of oil. In the meantime

drilling in the refuge would effect many different ecological systems. The refuge houses large populations of caribou, ox, bears, wolves, geese, and birds. The Department of the Interior has warned that drilling this area would harm up to 40 percent of the caribou alone.

If you would like to get more involved, Mahi, among others has organized a protest this coming Sunday, February 21. It will be held on Route 9 in Belchertown at 12:00 in front of a British Petroleum gas station.

The Health Corner

An interview with the lovely ladies in Student Health Services

By Alisha Attella Editor-in-chief

Last issue we at The Student Voice began running a health column dedicated to informing students about health issues which effect the college community. This mission, however, is subdivided into two categories. The first, to field general health questions received from students via e-mail. The second, to present to students personifications of different health fields, both traditional allopathic methods, and more alternative methods of healing such as massage, reiki, and chiropractic.

This week we did not receive any questions from students so we took matters into our own hands and decided to provide you all with profiles of our very own nurse practitioners: Dot Openshaw and Lori Williams, and give you some valuable information about the services that they provide in the campus Student Health Services center.

Dot and Lori are seasoned nurse practitioners. A nurse practitioner is a nurse who has risen to a level of qualification that allows for the nurse to give physical exams, write prescriptions, and by the clinical laboratory improvement Amendments of 1988, are authorized to administer basic lab tests

such as urinary tract, blood sugar, strep, and hemoglobin tests. They can also administer basic gynecological exams and pregnancy tests.

The qualifications for the title of nurse practitioner at present include a master's degree. There are a few practitioners that operate without a master's under a grandfather clause at present but this will not be the case for new nurses entering the field. In areas of the country where there is a surplus of physicians there is some controversy. If nurse practitioners are able to do the job of the physician there arises an opportunity for competition between two fields that as Openshaw says should be able to "compliment each other" as "The nursing and medical world's philosophies are different." Another cause for controversy in the field is that while the physician advisor in a nurse practitioner environment used to be able to bill patients for services provided by the nurse practitioner, the practitioner can now bill directly in many cases.

When questioned about their reasons for entering the field of nursing, both women had remarkably similar responses. Dot said

that "[She] always wanted to be a nurse as long as [she could] remember, and that [she] enjoys people and people contact" while Lori stated that she "always knew [she] would enter the healthcare field... there is more of a focus on patient education and caring rather than curing.

"As the Worcester State College community does have a large percentage of nursing students they had some advice to offer. Lori says that advanced education is key. Students should try to get as varied experience as they can. Experiencing different fields will help in the decision making process when it comes time to choose what area of nursing a student wants to specialize in. Dot urges that "flexibility is key" knowing that you possess the ability to transfer skills from one site to another is important.

Both ladies seem to agree that the field of nursing is a rewarding one. Little things make a big difference. It is a great feeling to know that, "maybe [the patient] will never need ICU treatment because they came [to see you]."

If you would like to see these miracle workers in action, the Student Health Services center is located in Room G-209 in the Gymnasium Building. They are open from 9a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5p.m. on Friday. They recently expanded their hours to better serve the sectors of the WSC community that commute and or attend night classes. As you enter the office or call you will be greeted by Beverly Berthel who is in Dot's words "a wonderful secretary, ... one of the nicest people" and in Lori's opinion is "a student advocate," she will look over a student's schedule to work out an appointment.

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Untitled

By Jared Simpson



It started to itch one day, the bug. I don't remember when I first noticed it. Perhaps it had been crawling on me since I was born. The importance is that I noticed it before it took over complete control of my ability to reason. I am at this point still in partial control of my faculties, enough to stage a resistance against its itch. The itch is common, in fact most don't recognize it as something out of the ordinary. It has become so much a part of us that it is usually just equated with some natural human condition, but, in fact, it is only in the last hundred years or so that its slow progression has taken root. By no means is it visible. In fact it pervades not only the human body, but our entire environment. It has become so intangible that even now, as I speak of it, surely somewhere in-between these very sentences lies THE ITCH. Yes, it's here. To be sure. The air is thick with the bug, creeping across street wavelengths and even through the human body. The bug radiates from the television screen, pulsating itself in addicting illumination. The bug. The itch comes when it gets inside. All the thirty second visual barrages of waste and greed, the sound bytes (no coincident I assure you) Gnawing into what once held memories of lazy childhood days drinking down the juice after the last freeze pop. Slowly, the itch, it's taking over. Shhh. . . Quiet for a second. . . Oh okay it's nothing. I thought someone was listening to me. Kill your T.V. before it's too late. This message is from the future, from yourself. Just listen. I have no time now to explain how this is possible. Just listen. . . shhhh. . . Okay, it's safe. The T.V., yes, any T.V. was initially a mind altering device used by the CIA to brainwash certain people into confessions. Somehow, one got out to the public, the way everything does, and of course the government couldn't tell the public its real use. The bug got out. The program was released. Everyone was infected. You're infected. Of course a few people were able to fight it off. The ones who didn't get upgraded to cable were the most fortunate, and of course the people with direct tv and prime star were all eventually lobotomized. It's all documented. In the year 2010 in will all come to a head, and those who can still pay attention for more than 10 seconds at a time, and who haven't died from obesity yet (yes it's all subliminal messages) are going to be the only ones who will be able to free themselves. Kill the tv. . . quick. .

Transmission ends abruptly. . .



Senate Minutes

February 11, 1999

Present: Jackie Martell, Jenn Lavallee, Jeff Roback, Marie DeSantis, Erin Lewinski, Mike Clark, Wendy Witt, Jason Tucker, John McNally, Lee Anne Hooley, Katie Serafin, Jenn Robbins, Rebecca Boucher, Becky Foley, Joanie Rylander, Tori Maxwell, Jeremy Webb, Kelli Thibault, and Dave Spencer.

Absent: Jon Sugalski and Mike Segarra

Guests: Tim Sullivan and Dave Natal

I. Chairperson Martell called the meeting to order at 3:05.

II. In motion number 9939 Senator Serafin moved to approve the minutes of February 24, 1999 (Seconded by Senator Maxwell). Senators Thibault and McNally abstain. Motion passed.

III. S.G.A. President's Report
President Spencer invited all the Senators to a pool party at Jillian's on Thursday, Feb-

ruary 18th, from 5 to 7.

IV. Parliamentarian's Report

Elections for the fall 1999 Semester will be on April 14 and 15. Election packets will be available at the information desk on March 29th.

V. Treasurer's Report

-In motion number 9940 Senator Robbins moved to approve the SGA Presidents' additional allocation request for up to \$140.00 (Seconded by Senator Tucker). Senator Serafin abstained. Motion passed.

-In motion number 9941 Senator Foley moved to table the additional allocation request for Senate of \$235.58 to the Finance Committee (Seconded by Senator Maxwell). Motion passed.

VI. Public Relations Report

The Public Relations Committee is thinking of a project that the Senate could be involved with regarding the Henry Lee Willis GUTS program. The GUTS program helps children in Great Brook Valley learn about

positive things that they could involve themselves with.

VII. Secretary's Report

A raffle to benefit the GUTS Program is being planned. Tickets will be \$1.00 each, with the first prize being a three-credit undergraduate night course donated by President Ghosh. All profits will be donated to the GUTS Program.

VIII. Old Business

Goals:

-Senator Serafin has made a survey regarding safety on campus. Please fill it out and return to her or Senator Hooley.

-Senators Boucher and Rylander are working on Kids to College, anyone interested in helping please contact them.

IX. New Business

-In motion number 9942 Senator Robbins moved to give the Student Events Committee permission to flyer cars for Winter Week (Seconded by Senator Roback). 4voted nay,

3 abstained from voting. Motion passed.

X. Announcements

-Dean Michael Backes from Admissions will be coming to the meeting on February 25 to discuss the new admission requirements for WSC.

-Senator Serafin informed the Senate that Valentine's Day is on Sunday, February 14, and also voiced that she does not care for the holiday.

-Senator DeSantis questioned if we are going to continue to pick Organization of the Month, if so we still need to pick December and January.

-In the minutes of 2-4-99, Secretary Lavallee made a mistake numbering the motions. The correct numbering will be reflected in this week's minutes.

XI. Adjournment

-In motion number 9943 Senator Serafin moved to adjourn the meeting (Seconded by Senator Foley). Motion passed.



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Noteworthy

Food Not Bombs mission statement Part II POLITICS

Introduction

The name Food Not Bombs states our most fundamental principle: society needs to promote life, not death. Our society condones and even promotes, violence and domination. Authority and power are derived from the threat and use of violence. This affects our everyday lives through the constant threat of violent crime, domestic violence, police repression, and the threat of total annihilation from nuclear war. Such constant exposure to violence, including the threat thereof, leads many people to hopelessness and low self-esteem.

Poverty is violence, and one expression of poverty is hunger. Millions of Americans, almost half of the children, go hungry each day. Childhood malnutrition contributes heavily to infant mortality rates, which are higher in the United States than in other industrialized nations. Globally, we continue to spend more time and resources developing, using, and threatening to use weapons of massive human and planetary destruction than on nurturing and celebrating life. By spending money on bombs instead of food, our government perpetuates and exacerbates poverty's violence by not providing food for everyone in need. Food Not Bombs has chosen to take a stand against violence and hunger; we are committed to non-violent social change by giving out free vegetarian food, thus celebrating and nurturing life.

Food Not Bombs is an organization devoted to developing positive personal, political, and economic alternatives. Revolutionaries are often depicted as working to overthrow the government by any means necessary. Food Not Bombs groups in general do not have the time or resources to attack, tear down and overthrow the existing death culture. However, not spending our time trying to overthrow the existing power structure does not mean never struggling with it. By simply exerting our basic rights to free speech and association, we challenge the power elite, and they will try to stop us from focusing on what needs to be done. We want to create new alternatives and life-affirming structures from the ground up. We want to replace the culture of death with a culture of "Plumbers Not Bombs", "Day-Care Not Bombs", and "Health Care Not Bombs."

Food Not Bombs responds to poverty and the lack of self-esteem in two ways. First, we provide food in an open, respectful way to whom-ever wants it. We will not make people jump through any bureaucratic hoops designed to control, humiliate, and often punish the people who

are poor. Second, we invite people who receive food to become involved in providing that food. This provides an opportunity for them to regain their power and recognize their ability to contribute and make a change.

The idea of food recovery or food "recycling," is not new. Individuals have been "dumpster diving" to find meals for a long time; however store owners often lock or poison dumpsters to discourage this practice. Similarly, environmentalists have long advocated composting, but this has not yet been practiced on a large scale. Therefore it is a radical political act in today's society to recover large amounts of food in an organized and consistent manner and feed the hungry the edible part.

Although Food Not Bombs does not have a strict political platform, there is a general political philosophy with which it has become identified over the years. The core of this philosophy is that each local group is autonomous. Every individual and group chooses its own values and politics. This chapter presents some of the philosophy from the author's own perspective.

The New Society

Just like many people today, we are concerned about the direction in which the world is heading. Domination, violence, and killing seem to be the predominant choices of our society. This is what we call the "death culture." Acceptance or war, nuclear annihilation, environmental destruction and genocide are widespread, and are the foundation of the power elite's "New World Order." More than ever, the death culture is pushing the idea that it is necessary for young people to join the army and kill to have peace. Peace through threat of war is impossible, because using the threat of destruction to prevent war is nothing but domination. Few voices, however, say there is an alternative to domination and violence. Our society places very little value on working for peace, and there is little opportunity to learn about nonviolent conflict resolution, war tax resistance, or creating a life affirming-culture.

It is not lost upon us that the major contribution to stopping bombs is our withdrawal from the economic and political structures of the death culture. As, individuals, many of us engage in war-tax resistance: as an organization, we operate outside the dominant economic paradigm. We do not operate for profit: in fact, we operate with very little money compared with the value of the food that we distribute. Because we gen-

erally ignore the authorities, we allow them as little contact with us as possible; but, as we want exposure for our life-affirming alternatives, we never hide what we are doing. We might protest directly in front of an oppressive bank, but the contact is on our terms.

Nonviolence in Theory

Nonviolence means responding to situations of injustice with action. The key to nonviolence is the ability to see potential violence in a situation before it becomes violent and act to de-escalate that potential. If we cannot stop it from happening, we can at least work to minimize the effects.

It is extremely important that we act in a manner consistent with our values. It is never in our interest to use violence against the police or others. On the practical side, they usually can muster significantly more violent force than we could. But, more philosophically, we don't want to use power to create social change. We want to create a society based on human rights and human needs, not the threat and use of violence. We do not want to dominate; we want to seek the truth and support each other as we resolve conflicts without violence.

Even the food we choose to serve is an expression of our commitment to nonviolence. We try to avoid using any animal products, because we see the damage it does not only to the animal but to ourselves, the environment, and the economy. Mainstream food production is an inherently violent process, involving the slaughter of millions of animals and the poisoning of our air, water, soil, and bodies with chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The meat and dairy industries control government policies that primarily serve their own financial interests and not those of the public.

Nonviolence in Practice

As an organization, we strive to be very inclusive. There is room for all progressive political perspectives and everyone to express themselves. For some, the decision to work for food, not bombs is a total change in lifestyle. For others, the decision is expressed through a commitment to life-affirming values while continuing to work at a job for pay in a mainstream society. We try to value individuals for the contributions they offer, without any expectation that they be completely divorced from the *status quo*.

Our world is multicultural, and social and po-

litical structures need to be sensitive to this reality. Challenging racism, classism, gender bias, homophobia and other oppressive behaviors is essential to creating a life-affirming, self-sustaining world. Everyone needs to be engaged in multicultural work, and this includes members of Food Not Bombs as well as those with whom we come in contact, both on the street and within the other service and political organizations with which we work.

One of the unique ways Food Not Bombs engages in multicultural work is the creation of ways to share access to resources. Members identify and obtain food that the wider community needs. We provide an example of how a small group of people with limited economic resources can make a big difference in the quality of life for many people by organizing and recovering a waste product of the existing society. It is our hope that the redistribution of resources other than food becomes an activity taken on by an increasingly larger number of people. After all, we are the people we are trying to serve.

Food Not Bombs groups are open and democratic. Decisions are made using a process called "consensus." Consensus creates an environment in which different opinions can be expressed without fear, and where conflicts can be resolved in a respectful nonviolent manner. It is not a competition of ideas to win the favor of the group. Rather it is working cooperatively to synthesize all those ideas into the best possible decision for everyone involved. The consensus process strives to assure that everyone has an opportunity to share their point of view and to participate in decision-making. Consensus does not mean that everyone thinks the same way; people can disagree and still reach a consensus.

People become empowered when encouraged to participate and take more responsibility for the decisions and actions of the group. This teaches them not only how to be powerful non-violently, but also how to seek access to power. We will never live in a society with equal power share by all people. However, it is possible to imagine a world in which everyone has access to power, and along these lines, consensus is a process based on the opportunity for *all* to participate in decision-making. The particular model your group chooses to use will be determined by your size and needs. *On Conflict and Consensus* describes a model called "Formal Consensus." This would be a good place to start in creating your own process.

Food Not Bombs meetings, Thursday evenings at The Firecracker. Call 753-4002 for more info.

Who is an Alumni?

By Doug Pratt Voice Staff

We have all heard the word alumni, but to many of us this word only conjures up faceless images of people who donate money to a school. One amount may get a name on a plaque, more will get a building named after a donor, but there is more to alumni than that. They may be donors, volunteers, staff-members, but they don't have to be anything more than a graduate of WSC.

As you can imagine, a lot of people have graduated from WSC in the last 125 years or so. Thomas McNamara (class of '94),

Director of Alumni Development, and Camilla Caffrey, Coordinator of Alumni Programming, spend a lot of time trying to find alumni. Right now there are about 18,000 previous WSC graduates, some dating back to 1926, who can be reached. Mr. McNamara and Mrs. Caffrey are currently trying to make an updated Alumni Directory to replace the one published five years ago.

Reunions, of course, are one of the biggest events for alumni. This May 21-23 is

going to be the reunion for classes ending in 4 or 9. The weekend will kick-off with a golf tournament for all alumni and a dinner with an award ceremony. The alumnus (male) or alumnae (female) who has given the most service to the college, to the community, and money will be recognized as well as the one with the most professional achievement.

On Saturday there will be campus tours, a presentation of the Science and Technology building, a barbecue for the younger

alumni, and a formal luncheon for the honored guests, the class of 1949. There will also be a cocktail reception that afternoon so classes can mingle and present President Gosh with a class gift. A class dinner will be held that evening. The weekend festivities will conclude on Sunday at brunch.

Where will all of these people sleep, you may ask. Well, for the first time alumni will be able to stay in the dorms, like they may have years ago.

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Off To See the Wizard

by Kristen Revell
A&E Editor

It was dark in the seats of The Wang Theatre. Filled with anticipation, children and adults alike awaited the first glimpse of Dorothy. And then it happened. The lights came to a dim glare, alluding to the black and white aspect of the movie version, and the crowd of children and adults went crazy.

The show paralleled the movie version to a tee, with the same enthusiasm as the original. The famous character of Dorothy, first played by Judy Garland, was portrayed by Jessica Grov'e, a sixteen year old newcomer. Grov'e, a Columbus, Ohio honor student who attends Hillard Davidson High School, originated the role in the New York Production of The Wizard of Oz, in which Rosanne played the part of the wicked witch. Jessica has spent her tenure in the arts as a theater actress. Her voice can also be heard on the 1998 cast recording of The Wizard of Oz.

The show started to take off when the legendary Mickey Rooney took the stage in the first part of his dual role, as Professor Marvel. Rooney, who has starred in over 300 films, 100 television shows, and countless plays, received a standing ovation when he took the stage. He reciprocated the standing O back to the crowds of adoring fans. The adults in the audience cheered as the children sat in amazement of a legend the will grow to appreciate.

The Wicked Witch and Alimra Gulch was played by Ertha Kitt's understudy, Lilian Montevecchi. She, by far, was not what I had expected in the role. She failed to hold up as a domineering presence. She spoke with an

accent that made me cringe with each utterance. My thought was, if she is such a great actress, which she must be to have landed the role, then why couldn't she hide her foreign accent. She is the only aspect of the play that I disliked.

The sets were amazing. The transformation of each one went off smoothly. The elaborate colors used made the whole experience dreamlike. The characters blended with each set, whether it was the apple trees dancing or flying monkeys over head, to Glinda the Good Witch flying down from the heavens, the entire experience was visually heightened.

The music was key to the play. The acoustics in the Wang might have helped, but it could have been the whole place was singing right along with the cast. It was hard to tell who was singing louder, us or the cast. And let me tell you, it was harder to tell who the children were in crowd. We got the opportunity to sit near the cutest little boy with his family. He was dancing in his seat the whole night. He couldn't have been older than six and he and his dad were having the time of their lives. In fact, all of the kids we saw were a bunch of well behaved kids. Surprisingly.

Overall, the night was one of the best times I have had in a long time. The company I went to the show with were some of my favorite people, my best friends, and we had a great time. The show was almost as amazing as the Wang Theatre itself. If you ever get a chance to see a show there, do it for the atmosphere then the show.

Waking Ned Divine - Fine Malt Filmmaking

By Alisha Attella Editor-in Chief

All right all you "who are the big stars" and "I ain't seein' no PG movie" people, this is a movie that will turn your big heads a full 360 degrees. Waking Ned Divine is a hilarious film packed with razor sharp wit, beautiful scenery, and fine performances by all involved. There is not one big name star, not one scene of gratuitous violence, barley any expletives, and no sweaty sex in this movie, yet it has gotten rave reviews across the board (Imagine that!). It is a film which draws filmgoers from all age groups and it can be appreciated on different levels by all involved.

The basic story line is this: two friends discover that someone in their tiny village of 52 has won the big lottery, they set out to

find the winner and weasel themselves into his or her good graces. They find the winner, Ned Divine. There is one hitch, he died from the shock of the win. The whole village bands together to swindle the lottery commission and split the winnings. Needless to say this leads to many comedic mishaps, but these ones are actually funny and worthy of your time and laughter. The cinematography is amazing. The shots of the "rolling hills of Ireland" and little leprechauns (he he) make you want to hop the next plane to the land of Guinness.

Anyhoo... go see it. You will be pleasantly surprised. Really, you will. (Really, I'm not lying...)

Eats

Darby's Bakery

76 Central St.
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If you are looking for a fantastic loaf of bread, Darby's Bakery is the only place to go. With selections ranging from plain old King Arthur White to delicious French peasant breads to hearty, nutty six-grain. The breads, crafted in the traditional European style, are baked fresh daily with top quality, fresh ingredients and unsurpassed care. Most of the breads are free of fat, sugar, and dairy (a vegan safe-zone). Many contain only four ingredients: water, flour, yeast, and salt. I highly recommend the traditional French batard, the country hearth (a hearty hearth bread made with a mixture of white, wheat, and rye flours) and the six-grain.

The folks at Darby's also do pastry and special order items (including special occasion cakes). The pastries are all outstand-

ing. The cakes are topped with a butter cream frosting (not shortening like some other bakeries) and their selection of French tarts is fabulous. You can't find a classier or tastier desert for a spring function than the French fruit tart. A pastry shell filled with custard and topped with sliced kiwi, strawberries, and blueberries all covered with a shiny apricot glaze; it looks like something off of the cover of *Gourmet*. The French pear tart and linzer tortes are wonderful as well.

The prices are moderate and they take special orders. Call about a week ahead of time for a special cake order and same day or one day notice on all the rest. You won't be disappointed.



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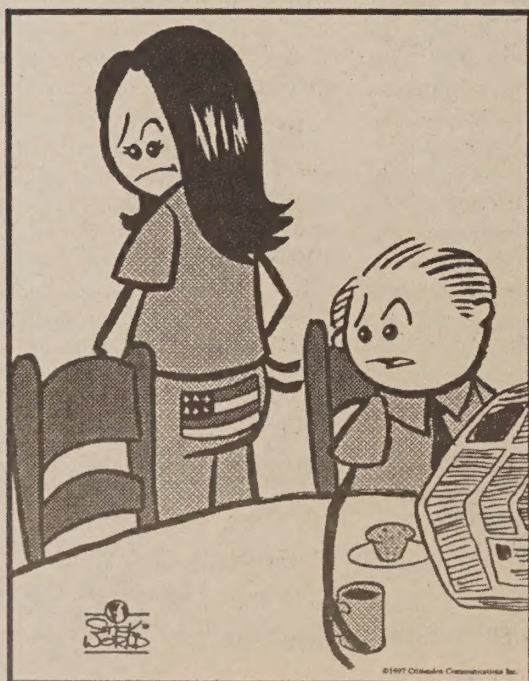
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FORBIDDEN WORDS 1999

AND I'M ALL LIKE...	AS IF!	AWARD-WINNING	AWESOME!	BABE	IT'S THE BOMB!	CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL
CLOSURE	CYBER-CONCERT	CYBERSEX	CYBER-ANYTHING	IT'S A DONE DEAL!	DON'T GO THERE!	DON'T EVEN GO THERE!
EDGY	EMPOWER	ANYTHING FOR DUMMIES	FENG SHUI	GET OVER IT!	GO POSTAL	IN YOUR FACE
MILLENNIUM BUG	NOT EVEN!	ON THE SAME PAGE	OH MY GOD THEY KILLED KENN!	PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION	PEEPS	POSTMODERN
PROACTIVE	REALITY CHECK	ROCK THE VOTE	SLICK WILLIE	TOUCH BASE	24-7	YADA YADA YADA
Y2K	YOU THE MAN!	ZIPPER-GATE	MONICA-GATE	STAINED BLUE DRESS	IT'S NOT ABOUT SEX--IT'S ABOUT LYING!	PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999!



STICKWORLD



"Is that some kind of political statement?"

Two Guys by Memo Salazar

YOU JUST TOLD ME YOU HATED ME.

IT'S TRUE THAT YOU HATED ME?

THIS IS TRUE.

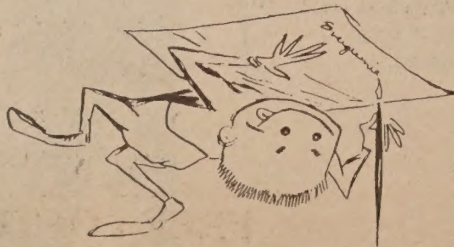
NO; IT'S TRUE THAT I TOLD YOU.

SO YOU DON'T HATE ME?

I HATE YOU.

I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

I KNOW.



Poetry and such . .

Featured Poet

Amelia Peloquin

If you would like to be the voice's featured poet for an issue, send a body of work to Paul Cavanaugh, Voice Poetry Editor. Email him at studentvoicewsc@hotmail.com or stop by the office.

Bleed

we were so close that our **blood ran together**
we stayed and stayed and watched it **congeal**
you became the **scab** that protected my being
and gave my **hurt** a chance to heal
it was great
till you had to move and **ripped** my scab away
I guess you're just not **brave enough** to **stay**
and **watch me bleed**

What it comes Down to; A Batch of Muffins

You woke with her eyes
You woke with her glass eyes
staring out at frost -
Scattered like ashes
decorating the lawn
You poured a cup
Your blue mug burned the
pads of your fingers
Your blue mug it's bitter
taste ate at your tongue
You walked, tip-toed between
tiles into
You walked into your room,
crawled under two blankets
Your two blankets didn't
touch
Your two blankets didn't
touch the ice in your bones
You heard his black leather
zipper
You heard his black leather
zipper pull up cruching
between your ears
You heard his heavy car roll
backwards

Roll bakwards out of the drive

way

You sat, edge of the bed, quiet ringing
rocking

You sat, quiet ringing rocking in your ears

The cold floor keeps you here

Keeps you here the level

pine boards

Keep you here

You pull each corner of draped lips

You pull them out - make the upturned
edges sharp

You know what kind of day it will be

You played the different plots in your
head

It pulls harder at the corners of

Your chapped lips

You know she's still at the window

Hasn't moved

You know she watches the neighbors

You know they are coming home from
church

You know the fresh box of muffins

You can almost taste them

Cheating On My Boyfriend

Walking home
in the empty winter's night
Orion watching me knowingly
he's seen me walk this walk of shame
before

the silent surroundings echoing
my every step
my every breath
all in synch with the pounding
in my empty heart
and empty head

what should I do?
stay-live this out
or wonder where my feelings lie
or
should I go?
shatter words etched in stone
and make them both eat my shards?

I was wrong
led myself astray
and into the arms of another
lied to him
lied to myself
I know I'm too wild
to tie myself down
too indecisive, too selfish
or maybe just too scared

walking home
in the empty winter's night
Orion sinks below the horizon
waves goodbye
as he ducks out of site
leaves me alone with my misery

THE BOY I USED TO KNOW

TO THE BOY I USED TO KNOW—
I SEND A HANDFUL OF BROKEN
SEASHELLS,
TO THE BOY I USED TO LOVE—
I SEND A TEARFUL OF SHATTERED
DREAMS,
TO THE BOY WHO USED TO CARE—
I GIVE YOU A SMILE AND A KISS ON
THE CHEEK
AS I TURN AND WALK AWAY.
BECAUSE THE BOY I USED TO
KNOW
HAS CHOSEN A SEPARATE PATH
THAT I CANNOT FOLLOW,
BECAUSE THE BOY I USED OT LOVE
IS A MANY THAT I DO NOT KNOW

He Smokes Lucky Strikes

He smokes lucky strikes.
He lights the matches with one hand,
without ripping them out of the book.

We found each other by chance that night.
Our words unfurling
like the smoke from his cigarette
as I watched his fingers
caressing the rim of his cup.

He told me about lying in the grass
and writing the thoughts
that wandered into his mind.
I could hear the rain kissing the ground
as I told him my secrets
and he smiled in return.

I don't allow myself
to think about "What If?"
But he stole the part of me
that doesn't break that rule.

Tell me.

How can I end a story that never began?

I WILL LOVE YOU IN MY HEART by Key 149

I MADE A LOT OF THINGS
TO FORGET YOU,
BUT THEIR WAS NOTHING I
COULD DO, BECAUSE MY HEART
WON'T STOP LOVING YOU.

AT NIGHT IN ALL MY DREAMS;
EVERY MOMENT,
I'LL FIND YOU AGAIN.
I SEE WHEN I DON'T
SEE YOU, ALL BECAUSE
I CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU.

WHEN I REMEMBER YOU
IN MY BEDROOM ALONE,
THINKING A LITTLE BIT,
I KNOW AND I SAY :
" WHEN I WOULD STOP
LOVING YOU?" BECAUSE,
MY LOVE FOR YOU IS
GROWING EVERY DAY.

Violet on my bed

Violet on my bed
amongst cluttered magazines
and clean laundry
she is under me
a foxy Medusa
at one a.m.
in my room

maybe she was just kidding
and maybe I never was
jokes wear thin over the years
and yeah, I've been drunker
and gone farther
many times before
but I've never felt so right

Violet on my bed
arms and bras and sweaters
and the glowing light
of my phone off the hook
she is under me
at one a.m.
in my room

TIDES By Key 149

THEY RISE AND FALL
WELLING UP ON THE SANDS
RUNNING FURTHER ON SHORE,
TO MY LOVE.
POURS OUT UPON HER FOR
WHOM I CAST MY THOUGHTS,
CONSTANT AS THE TIDES
EVER OF HER.

AND LIKE THE TIDE
WITHDRAWING BACK
INTO THE SEA,
MY LOVE PAUSES, ONLY TO SURGE,
AND FALL FORTH AGAIN.

LAY NEAR THE WATERS EDGE
MY LOVE FOR...
I SHALL COVER OVER THEE,
LIKE THE TIDE, RELENTLESS,
AS THE SEA.

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Calendar

Thursday, February 18th
Winter Week Competitions, 10 AM-2PM
 Student Center Exhibit Area
Turbo Tom's Freak Show, 7:30 PM
 Student Center Blue Lounge
Vendor: Wormtown Trading

Friday, February 19th
RHPC/SEC "A Bug's Life", 7 PM
 Dowden Hall Lounge—**FREE**
Winter Week Block Party
 9 PM, Student Center
\$1 w/ WSC ID, \$2w/ other College ID,
Hot Tub on OLP Patio
Summer Time Anytime party in Snack Bar Area
HIP HOP DJ in Blue Lounge
Top 40's DJ in Exhibit Area

Saturday, February 20th
Intramural Snow Bowl
Movie Thon 1PM-1AM

Ice Hockey @ Plymouth
 State 4 PM
 Men's Basketball @ Salem
 State 3 PM
 Women's Basketball @ Salem
 State 1 PM
 MW IT @ New England
 Div III

Sunday, February 21st
RHPC/SEC "A Bug's Life", 8:30 PM
 Dowden Hall Lounge—**FREE**
 MW IT @ New England
 Div III

Monday, February 22nd
Phi Theta Bake Sale
RHPC/SEC "A Bug's Life"
 2 PM, in the SC Aud
Vendor: Steven Veach
Cheap Thrills

Tuesday, February 23rd
 Men's Basketball
 MASCAC TBA
 Women's Basketball
 MASCAC TBA
 Ice Hockey @ Nichols

College, 7:30

Wednesday, February 24th
Senior Trip to Medieval Manor
Senate Bake Sale
TWA Carribean Day
 SC Exhibit Area 10 AM-1PM
LOOK FOR DETAILS
Vendor: Alan Pragg T Shirts & More

Thursday, February 25th
 Men's Basketball
 MASCAC Semifinals TBA
 Women's Basketball
 MASCAC Semifinals TBA
 Ice Hockey @ Assumption
 College 7:15 PM

Friday, February 26th
Diversity Office & TWA
hosts "Girls Choir of Harlem"
 Admin. Theater 8 PM,
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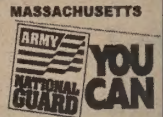
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Saturday, February 27th
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 Men's Basketball
 MASCAC Finals TBA
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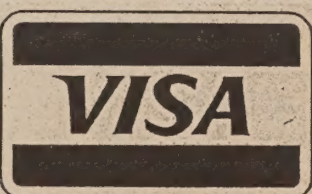
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